

## Urban Gardening is Growing!

Gardening can be inexpensive, fun and a great family activity. These workshops will cover a wide range of topics, from houseplants to starting seeds indoors. **Saturdays from 12:30–1:30 pm.**

- February 9** Arnett Branch Library  
310 Arnett Boulevard
- February 16** Charlotte Branch Library  
3557 Lake Avenue
- February 23** Monroe Branch Library  
809 Monroe Avenue
- March 2** Winton Road Branch Library  
611 N. Winton Road

Email [thomasmi@cityofrochester.gov](mailto:thomasmi@cityofrochester.gov) to get details on adopting a vacant lot in 2013.

## Learn More!

There are many other opportunities to learn about growing flowers and vegetables this winter. Check out these websites:

- Cornell Cooperative Extension of Monroe County: [www.MYCCE.org/Monroe](http://www.MYCCE.org/Monroe)
- Rochester Civic Garden Center: [www.RCGC.org](http://www.RCGC.org)
- NOFA-NY: [www.NOFANY.org](http://www.NOFANY.org)
- Rochester Roots: [www.RochesterRoots.org](http://www.RochesterRoots.org)



Watch for it!

**Questions? Call 311.** Outside the City Call 428-5990

[www.cityofrochester.gov/winteradventures](http://www.cityofrochester.gov/winteradventures)



2013 Flower City  
Looking Good

# Winter Adventures Program



## Get out, be active, discover nature, and get a breath of fresh air!

Enjoy the great outdoors. Have a blast at the Lakeside Winter Celebration! Trade your boots in for snowshoes! Enter a winter gardening contest! Have fun, get in shape or just make some new friends along the way.

## Outdoor Ice Skating

Manhattan Square Park, 353 Court St., 428-7541

**Open Skate:** Mon.–Fri., 12:00–1:30 pm, 3:40–5:10 pm, 5:30–7:00 pm, also Tues–Thurs. 7:20–8:50 pm (if not rented)

**Adult Skate:** Mon.–Fri., 1:50–3:20 pm

## Indoor Ice Skating

Genesee Valley Park, 131 Elmwood Ave., 428-7889

**Open Skate:** Sun., 2:30–3:45 pm,  
Mon.–Fri., 12:00–1:15 pm, Sat., 5:00–6:15 pm

**Adult Skate:** Tues.–Thurs., 10:30–11:45 am,  
Fri. 10:00–11:15 am

Fees for both indoor & outdoor skating:

- Adults—\$5,
- 17 & under—\$2,
- Families—\$14,
- Season Pass for Manhattan Square Park—\$60,
- Season Pass for Genesee Valley—\$125.

City rinks offer winter season activities including figure skating lessons, broom ball, ice hockey & more. Group rentals available.

## Snow Cheap Trail Race Series

**Wednesdays: Dec. 19, Jan. 2, Jan. 16,  
Jan. 30, Feb. 13 & Feb. 27.**

**6:45 pm, registration  
7:15 pm, race start**

Meet at Lake Riley Lodge, Norris Dr. & Culver Rd., Cobb's Hill Park. Preregistration required no later than 6:45 pm on the day of race. Races will be held snow or no snow, snowshoes or no snowshoes. Post-race party, door prizes and fun!

Regular price: One race is \$10; entire series \$45. Bring or mail registration to Fleet Feet Sports.

To register online go to [www.fleetfeetrochester.com](http://www.fleetfeetrochester.com), under events scroll to Snow Cheap Trail Race Series, print application.

Snowshoes for rent at Fleet Feet Sports, 2210 Monroe Ave., 732-1090 and the City of Rochester Bureau of Recreation, 400 Dewey Avenue 428-6755. Reserve yours at registration (limited rental). Head lamps required.





## Saturday City Snowshoe Hikes

Learn the basics of walking on the snow in snowshoes while discovering the beauty of the outdoors in winter. Look for the Rec on the Move van at some of these Saturday activities. Snowshoes provided FREE. **Saturdays, 1–3 pm:**

**January 5** Adams Street Community Center  
85 Adams Street

**January 12** Avenue D Community Center  
200 Avenue D

**January 19** South Avenue Community Center  
999 South Avenue

**January 26** Edgerton Community Center  
41 Backus Street

**February 2** Flint Street Community Center  
271 Flint Street

Try snowshoeing out on your own at any time: Snowshoe Rentals – City Recreation, 400 Dewey Ave., 9 am–4:30 pm, Mon.–Fri. except holidays, \$10 per weekend, \$25 for families. For more information, call 428–6755.



## Sunday Park Hikes

Explore all the outdoors has to offer. Bring your family & friends for a wonderful winter hike. Snowshoes available for the hike at no charge. **Sundays, 1–2:30 pm:**

**January 6** Pulaski Park, meet at the corner of Avenue D & Carter Street

**January 13** Highland Park, meet in front of Conservatory

**January 20** Turning Point Park, off Lake Ave. at the end of Boxart St.

**January 27** El Camino Trail, meet at the play ground at Clifford Ave. and Conkey Ave.

**February 3** Cobb's Hill Reservoir & Washington Grove, meet along fence at east end of reservoir

**February 10** Lakeside Winter Celebration hike from Port Terminal building to Turning Point Park, meet outside terminal entrance.

## Passport to Family Wellness

Next time you're at Wegmans look for the "Passport to Family Wellness" brochure. Inside the brochure you'll find information about trails in the region.

## Earth Explorers

A year round environmental education program connecting youth and to nature. Find out about all our Earth Explorer programs at your neighborhood recreation center.



## Lakeside Winter Celebration

**Sunday, February 10, 11 am–4 pm**

Join us at Ontario Beach Park for an outstanding winter celebration, including the 3rd Annual Lake Ontario Ice Wine Festival.

- Outdoor Children's Games
- Frostbiters Sailboat Racing
- Chilly Chili Challenge
- Horse-Drawn Carriage rides
- Snow Sculpture Contest
- Dog Sled Demo
- 13th Annual Polar Plunge (Fundraiser for the NY Special Olympic)

For a schedule of activities go to:

[www.cityofrochester.gov/wintercelebration](http://www.cityofrochester.gov/wintercelebration)

## The Winter Farmers Market

Cornell Cooperative Extension,  
249 Highland Avenue, Wednesdays,  
3–6 pm through May 8, 2013.

## Winter Garden Contest

**Enter to win by February 28**

Any gardener may nominate his/her own garden or a neighbor's garden. Recognition and prizes will be awarded for Best Winter Garden. Judging is based on the use of colors, textures, structures and other winter plant characteristics. For more information go to: [www.cityofrochester.gov/gardencontest](http://www.cityofrochester.gov/gardencontest)

Garden entry information to include: pictures, address, contact person, phone number & e-mail to [thomasmi@cityofrochester.gov](mailto:thomasmi@cityofrochester.gov) or mail garden entries to 400 Dewey Ave., Rochester, NY, 14613.



## Barking Up The Giant Trees

Learn how to identify 10 different species of trees, just from their bark and branches! We'll wander among the mighty giants of the Washington Grove forest at Cobb's Hill Park. You'll also see how the City is working to protect the Grove and control invasive species such as Norway maples.

**Saturday, February 16, 2–3:30 pm.** Take the road up to the Reservoir off Highland Avenue. Meet by the pine trees at the top of the hill.

## The Rochester Public Market

280 N. Union Street, Open: Tuesday & Thursday, 6 am–1 pm & Saturday, 5 am–3 pm. Watch for the return of the market shuttle in the spring. [www.cityofrochester.gov/publicmarket](http://www.cityofrochester.gov/publicmarket)